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Application No.: 09/940,402 Group No.: 3739

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For: **APPARATUS FOR ADJUSTABLY SUPPORTING AN ENDOSCOPE**

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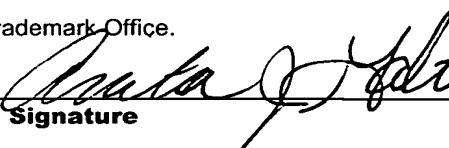
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STATUS

2. Applicant is

a small entity. A statement:
 is attached.
 was already filed.
 other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

NOTE: *As to a Supplemental Amendment filed in response to a final office action, the Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35) states:*

"If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run."

3. *(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)*

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136
(fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(1)-(4) for the total number of months check below:

| Extension (months) | Fee for other than <u>small entity</u> | Fee for <u>small entity</u> |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month | \$ 110.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$ 420.00 | \$210.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$ 950.00 | \$475.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> four months | 1,480.00 | \$740.00 |

Fee \$ 55.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next time, if applicable)

An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the
fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total
months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$55.00

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this
conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has
inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-d)) has been calculated as shown below:

| (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | (Col. 3) | SMALL ENTITY | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDIT. FEE . OR RATE ADDIT. FEE |
| TOTAL *48 | MINUS ** 48 | =0 | X\$ 9= | \$ 0.00 X\$ 18= \$ |
| INDEP. *20 | MINUS *** 7 | =13 | X\$ 43= | \$559.00 X\$ 86= \$ |
| □ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | = 0 | X\$145= | \$ 0.00 X\$290= \$ |
| | | | TOTAL ADDIT. FEE | OR TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$ |
| | | | \$559.00 | |

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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WARNING See 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) Total additional fee for claims required \$559.00

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check money order in the amount of \$614.00

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$0.00

to Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

to Credit card as shown on the attached credit card information authorization form PTO-2038.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 24.

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